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1. Wangchiatun Airfield, Hankow, was closed for repairs on 8 June and was reopened on 14 July. During this period all air traffic in the Hankow-Wuchang area was handled at Nanhu Airfield, Wuchang.
2. On 14-15 July the following Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) activities took place:
 - a. On 14 July 9 fighters and 4 bombers conducted air-ground radio communications tests at Shanghai.
 - b. On 15 July 2 IL-12's of the "Combined Air Unit" left Nanking for K'ai-feng.
 - c. On 15 July training missions were as follows: 3 MIG-9's from Yangts'un, and 14 MIG-15's and 2 YAK-17's of the 48 Air Regiment and 12 MIG-15's and 6 YAK-17's of the 46 Air Regiment from Tsingtao.
3. On 15 July one Soviet Air Force (SAF) YAK-11 left Anshan for Mukden.

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4. Chungking Airfield closed at 9:45 a.m. and opened at 11 a.m. Ch'engtu Airfield opened at 2 p.m., and Mukden Airfield opened at 1:06 p.m.
5. Training missions were as follows:
 - a. Changchun: 26 TU-2's to Nungan (125-11, 44-26), Kirin, and back to Changchun.
 - b. Antung 24 jet planes.
 - c. Yangts'un: 3 YAK-17's.
 - d. T'ai-yuan: 10 YAK-12's and 6 YAK-11's.

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6. Flights from Peiping:

- a. At 4:58 a.m. [] left for Antung via Mukden, arriving at Antung at 5:15 p.m.
- b. At 8:29 a.m. one YAK-11 left for Yangts'un.
- c. At 8:30 a.m. [] left for Hankow via K'aifeng, arriving at Hankow at 12:33 p.m.
- d. [] left for Yunch'eng (110-51, 35-06), where it arrived at 12:36 p.m.

7. Flights from Tientsin:

- a. At 7:19 a.m. one plane left for Yangts'un, where it arrived at 8:24 a.m.
- b. At 6:15 p.m. three MIG-15's left for Yangts'un.

8. Flights from Chungking:

- a. At 9:40 a.m. [] left for Ch'engtu, where it arrived at 10:49 a.m.
- b. [] left for Hankow, where it arrived at 2:04 p.m.

9. CCAF activity:

- a. One YAK-12 left Tsinan for Hsinhsiang (113-53, 35-19), where it was to be based.
- b. One plane left T'angshan (118-11, 39-38) for Yangts'un.
- c. Training missions: one plane over T'angshan, 3 YAK-17's and 6 MIG-9's from Yangts'un, and again in the afternoon 3 YAK-17's and 6 MIG-9's from Yangts'un.
- d. Hsu-shih-t'ing² led 28 TU-2's from Ssup'ingchieh to Kungchuling, Nungan, and back to Ssup'ingchieh.

10. SAF activity:

- a. A number of planes patrolled the Antung area during an air raid alert.
- b. Five IA-11's left Anshan for Antung.
- c. Training missions: 22 MIG-15's, one YAK-17, and one YAK-11 with Kao-lien-chin³ as flight leader to P'anshan, Ying'ou, and back to Anshan, and 8 MIG-15's, 3 YAK-17's, and 2 YAK-11's with CHU⁴ as flight leader to Heishan, P'anshan, and back to Anshan at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

11. The CCAF 5 Air Division conducted radar tests from stations at K'aiyuan Airfield and in the T'ungchiangk'ou (123-43, 42-38) area. The target to be detected was a plane flying at an altitude of 4,000 feet within a 15-mile radius of each station.

12. A flight of 34 Chinese Communist jet planes over Korea was mistakenly fired upon by Chinese Communist artillery. Five of the planes were damaged and were forced to land in Korea, but none of the pilots was harmed.

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13. Miscellaneous flights:

- 25X1 a. At 5:10 a.m. [redacted] piloted by LUAN T'ieh-shen
(樂鉄申), left for Tsitsihar.⁵
- b. At 5:10 a.m. one IL-10 left Tsinan for T'enghsien (117-14, 35-08).
- 25X1 c. At 6 a.m. [redacted] left Chita for Mukden via Tsitsihar and Harbin.
- 25X1 d. At 6 a.m. [redacted] left Yangts'un for T'aiyuan.
- e. At 8:18 a.m. one IL-10 left Ch'engt'u for Chungking, where it arrived at 9:27 a.m.
- f. At 9:06 a.m. one YAK-11 arrived at Paoting.
- 25X1 g. At 4:43 p.m. [redacted] left Ulan Bator for Irkutsk.

14. In mid-June the Mukden Air Defense Headquarters was at house Number 11, Minchuan (民權) Road, Hop'ing (和平) District, Mukden. The commander of this headquarters was T'UAN Su-chuan (段蘇權), who is also deputy chief of staff of the Northeast Military Area Command. The radio unit of this headquarters is between Minchuan and T'ungts'e (同澤) Roads.

- 25X1 1. [redacted] and reference, for recent information on flights from airfields in Communist China.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Hsu-shih-t'ing (徐世廷 or 徐式廷) has also been received as HSU Shih-t'ing. [redacted] is usually reported leading flights of TU-2's out of Ssup'ingchieh; and [redacted] He is one of a group of individuals whose status was discussed in a [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 3. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Possibly CHU K'o-ying. 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] Comment. CHU K'o-ying is probably Ch'iu-k'o-ying; [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. The place of departure was not given.

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